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Washington, D.C. 20231**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants make the below-listed documents of record in the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not a representation that the information cited is effective as prior art to the application or is material to patentability.

Foreign Patent Documents

1. Japanese Patent Document No. 11-122651, published April 30, 1999 (English language Abstract provided).
2. Japanese Patent Document No. 08-243253, published September 24, 1996 (English language Abstract provided).

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3. Japanese Patent Document No. 09-224271, published August 26, 1997 (English language Abstract provided).

4. Japanese Patent Document No. 11-154888, published June 8, 1999 (English language Abstract provided).

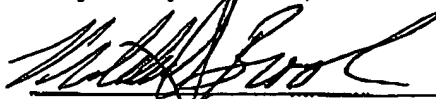
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Copies of the above-listed documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed.

These documents were cited in the International Search Report which has already been provided. Nevertheless, as a courtesy to the Examiner, Applicants have provided English language Abstracts for each of the cited documents. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the examination of the above-identified application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. It is also respectfully requested that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

It is believed that no additional fee is required in connection with this submission. In the event that an additional fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No 02-0410, in the name of Baker & McKenzie.

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